the sale of power to States in the interests of merit order operations and marginal price based on marginal cost of generation.

Afforestation Projects in Collieries

4654. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Coalfields Limited have taken up afforestation projects in the areas of its different collieries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on this account during each of the last three years Colliery-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) have taken up afforestation work in its Collieries. During the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 CCL have planted saplings as follows:—

1988	1989	1990
6,57,881	11,54,604	16,68,002

(c) Details of expenditure incurred during 1988, 1989 and 1990 is enclosed in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

(A) Expenditure incurred on Afforestation

(Amount in Rs.)

Sl. No.	Name of the Area	Expenditure incurred during 1988	Expenditure incurred during 1989	Expenditure incurred during 1990
1.	North Karanpura	3,97,811	8,55,946	26,07,754
2.	Kuju	3,29,730	4,12,564	—
3.	Rajrappa	5,22,000	2,48,705	12,45,026
4.	Kargali	1,30,500	1,31,029	——
5.	Kathara	2,33,334	8,07,257	22,95,113
6.	Dhori	1,71,775	1,33,557	87,529
7.	Barkakana	2,39,350	6,30,418	7,81,633
8.	Hazaribagh	1,72,521	2,10,631	——
9.	Argada	3,04,500	4,28,066	7,50,214
10.	CWS, Barkakana	44,065	47,197	——
11.	Ashok	2,61,000	3,67,230	——
12.	Giridih	1,74,000	21,750	6,31,421
	TOTAL	29,80,586	42,94,350	83,95,689

(B) Saplings Planted

Sl. No.	Name of the Area	Saplings planted during 1988	Saplings planted during 1989	Saplings planted during 1990
1.	North Karanpura	91.451	1.80.000	3,00,000
2.	Kuju	75.800	72,800	——
3.	Rajrappa	1.20.000	1.50.000	3,00,000
4.	Kargali	30.000	45.000	——
5.	Kathara	53.640	2.55.000	7,87,371
6.	Dhori	39.500	20.000	8,200
7.	Barkakana	55.000	1.58.500	82.431
8.	Hazaribagh	39.660	41.954	——
9.	Argada	70.000	1.45.500	1,00,000
10.	CWS. Barkakana	10.130	10.850	——
11.	HQ & Central Hospital. Naisarai	8.700*	——	——
12	Ashok	60.000	70,000	——
13.	Giridih	4.000	5.000	90,000
	TOTAL	6.57.881	11.54.604	16,68,002

*Work done departmentally

[Translation]

Transport Companies in CCL and BCCL

4655. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given on May 15, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 8793 regarding transport companies in CCL and BCCL and state:

(a) whether some companies have been received in regard to the irregularities in awarding contracts to transport companies;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the extent of loss suffered by the Central Coalfields Limited during last five years as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Price of LPG cylinder

4656. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: